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Friends, neighbours, classmates and relatives of the murdered Ding family attended an emotional memorial service.



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Battlelines drawn on homes and museum

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build more than 1,000 new houses on the outskirts of Northampton could be backed by officials next week, despite opposition from residents.

Yet the same council, based in Daventry, may turn down plans to build a museum to promote the Battle of Naseby.

The controversial plans to build more than 1,000 new houses on the outskirts of Northampton have been opposed by residents.

People who live close to Brampton Lane in Whitehills have been fighting plans to build a new estate on land known as Buckton Fields for a number of years.

The development has also been opposed by Northampton Borough Council, Boughton Parish Council, Brixworth Parish Council, Church and Chapel Brampton Parish Council, Moulton Parish Council and Pitsford Parish Council as well as the MP for Northampton North, Michael Ellis and the MP for Daventry, Chris Heaton-Harris.

Despite the opposition, planning experts from Daventry District Council say the devel-

opment of the greenfield site should be backed by the council.

The move has shocked Mr Heaton-Harris, especially as the same council experts have opposed the development of the Battle of Naseby museum.

The MP said: "To me, there seems absolutely no logic to this. I would have thought they would have been much more in favour of the museum than this."

Despite being on the edge of Northampton, the Buckton Fields site is officially classed as being in Daventry district.

Daventry District Council's planning committee will decide whether to back the plans at a meeting at the council's offices in Daventry on July 20.

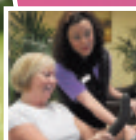
Meanwhile, historians who have been working for the past 11 years on plans to build a visitor centre on the edge of the Naseby battle site were left baffled when as experts from Daventry District Council said the plans should be blocked, because the battle museum would have "an adverse impact on the setting of the heritage asset".

Even though the site is next to the A14, the council's planning experts have said it would damage the area's "rolling countryside".



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Documents, which will be seen by members of Northampton Borough Council's planning committee during a meeting at the Guildhall on July 19, show that up to 550 new houses could be built on the former hospital site, as well as 86,000-sq ft of commercial space.

The plans for the development have also been welcomed by anti-expansion group, The Northants Residents' Alliance, who often oppose such large-scale housing developments in the town.

Group member, Roger Kingston, said it was good to see a previously-used site being redeveloped, rather than sections of open countryside.

He said: "This is a brownfield site, so we've got no objection to it."

"People always say we're 'nimby's' and opposed to all development, but we've no complaint at all about sites like the one at Princess Marina being re-used."

Outline proposals for the plans were discussed by the borough council in March 2009, when they were supported by councillors.

Now the owner of the site, the Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, has applied for an extension to the time limit for the development to be carried out.

In the documents for the planning committee, Andrew Holden, from the council's planning department, said the development deadline should be extended.

He said "It is considered that there are no material changes which would render the development as previously approved unacceptable."

The council's planning committee will however make a final decision on whether or not the development should be backed by the authority.

The decision will be made during a public meeting at the Guildhall in Northampton from 6pm on Tuesday, July 19.



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New road is 'too noisy'



Jo and Chris Copus say rumble strips on the road outside have kept them awake at night

A RETIRED couple from Northampton say "rumble strips" which have been installed on the road outside their home have kept them awake virtually every night for the past three months.

Earlier this year, Northamptonshire County Council completed roadworks in Gladstone Road, Spencer, designed to slow down speeding cars.

But Jo Copus and his wife Chris, who live close to a section of the road where strips of block paving have been laid to slow down cars, have said the noise of vehicles passing their house is now "unbearable".

Mr Copus, aged 68, said: "It sounds exactly like an aeroplane taking off, and we get it every four or five minutes when it's busy, it's unbelievable.

"We haven't been able to sleep for weeks, it's like torture."

In a bid to get to sleep, the retired council worker has started wearing earplugs to bed every night, but still claims he only gets a good night's sleep every third or fourth day 'out of sheer exhaustion'.

In desperation, the couple started a petition calling on the county council to meet residents to discuss the issue. Within a few weeks, it had more than 200 signatures.

Their campaign has been backed by the borough councillor for the area, Gareth Eales (*Lab, Spencer*), who said: "There are some real issues of concern around Gladstone Road and I hope the county council listens to the people of Spencer and organises the public meeting."

But a spokesman for the county council said the block paving had been introduced to increase drivers' awareness of junctions and residents would be asked for their views on the scheme.

She added: "New schemes take a while to bed in and it takes some weeks before people's behaviour adjusts to the new circumstances."

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Last Friday marked the first time in 18 months that drivers were allowed to use the road, which had been closed each Friday and Saturday between 8pm and 4am.

The street, which is lined with bars and clubs, attracts thousands of people every weekend night and the temporary closure was put in place by the Northampton Community Safety Partnership to allow police to better manage the area.

But local businesses argued that the closure pandered to "drunken yobs" and gave out the wrong image of the town to visitors.

Mohammed Ahmin, the owner of Royal Bengal in Bridge Street, welcomed the news but said the damage to the town's reputation would take a long time to repair.

He said: "The closure of Bridge Street was never something I wanted and I objected to it at every opportunity."

"The closure turned Bridge Street into a circus, almost

a second club with people standing around and dancing in the street.

"I'm pleased the partnership has seen sense but unfortunately the damage has already been done.

"It will take a while for people to realise that it is now open.

"My business has suffered a lot over the last 18 months and it will be a slow journey until it picks up."

He added that the re-opening of the street came without warning and caused confusion over the weekend.

A spokeswoman from Northamptonshire County Council said: "The 18-month experimental road closure order for Bridge Street was temporary and has now expired.

"Consultation was carried out about whether to put a permanent closure order on this road.

"A number of objections were received and therefore a decision not to make it a permanent closure was made.

"However we are continuing discussions with colleagues, as part of the Northampton Community Safety Partnership, to look at other future ideas for Bridge Street that will both ensure a safer environment and support local businesses."



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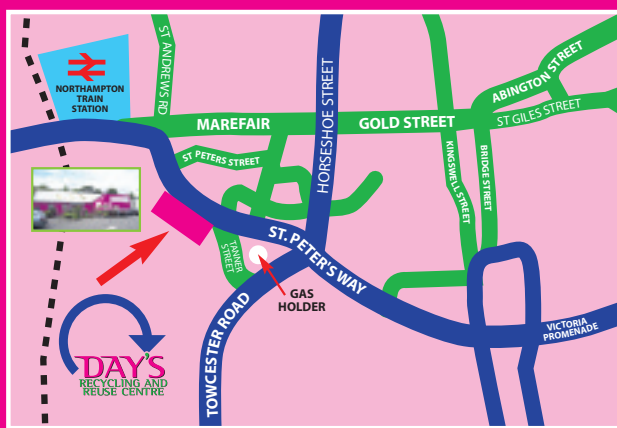
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Tributes to Ding family

**FRIENDS, neighbours, classmates and relatives of the murdered Ding family dressed in yellow and clutched yellow flowers during an emotional memorial service on Monday evening.**

The service, attended by relatives of the family-of-four, who had flown in from China and USA, was held at Kingsthorpe Baptist Church in memory of Jifeng 'Jeff' Ding, his wife Helen Chui, and the pair's two talented daughters,

Xing and Alice.

Tributes were led by two former headteachers of Xing, aged 18, and Alice, aged 12, a former colleague of Jeff's at Manchester University, and Paul Delaney, a former business associate of Helen's.

Speaking before the service, The Rev Andrew Thomas, minister at the church, said: "The memorial service has come about really at the instigation of the neighbours of the family who want to have a fitting tribute to a much-loved family in their neighbourhood. It is hard, it is very emotional and it is about the loss of a family."

Mourners wore yellow, a colour traditionally used to signify mourning in Chinese Buddhism, and also the favourite colour of Xing and Alice. Friends also paid tribute to the two girls, while a video of the two young violinists performing at the Royal Albert Hall was also played to the 250 people inside the church.

Among those there were Jeff's brother and Helen's sister-in-law, while mu-

sicians from the Northampton School of Music also performed. Jeff's brother led the tributes to the family, which included messages from his mother and father.

Colin Booth, Jeff's colleague from Manchester University, spoke of the tragic loss of the popular lecturer who students dubbed "the nicest lecturer ever".

A touching tribute to Xing came from Sarah Dixon, headteacher of Northampton High School, included a reading of *Death is nothing at all*, written by Canon Henry Scott-Holland.

Tony Downing, principal of Caroline Chisholm School, then led a tribute to Alice, who he spoke of as "vibrant, talented and kind". A moving pre-recorded video featuring Alice's fellow pupils was then played.

A private funeral for the family, who were all stabbed to death inside their home at Simpson Manor, Wootton, will be held today, more than 10 weeks after they were brutally murdered.

The prime suspect for their killing is former business associate, Anxiang Du, who remains on the run.

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Top left and right, mourners arrive at the church memorial service with flowers of the Ding's favourite colour and (above) the Rev Philip Yip

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Hospital bid for town site

OFFICIALS say the development of a large new mental health care hospital on the outskirts of Northampton town centre will leave the town with a building "of national importance".

In November last year, St Andrew's Healthcare revealed plans to build a 180-bed facility on the site of the former Cliftonville Middle School in Cliftonville Road.

The development will see the demolition of the old school and a large classical-style facility built next to the similar William Wake House, which was built by St Andrew's over the past couple of years.

Members of the West Northamptonshire Develop-

ment Corporation's (WNDC) planning committee this week gave unanimous backing to the development.

The WNDC's director of planning services, John Hill, said: "The proposed development would provide for a beneficial health care facility in Northampton of local and national importance."

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THOUSANDS of people turned out to celebrate the annual Speedy Cup, organised by Northampton's Irish community.

The event attracted nearly 4,000 people to The Racecourse on Saturday, where local residents competed in traditional Irish games and competitions.

The show was launched in 2003 following the death of Patrick "Speedy" Hanrahan, a steel worker who died after a

battle with cancer.

Each year the money raised is divided between Cynthia Spencer Hospice and other nominated Northampton charities, which this year were KidsAid and Nazareth House Care Home.

Teresa McCarthy, the landlady of popular Irish pub The Swan and Helmet in Clare Street, The Mounts, is one of the main organisers of the Speedy Cup.

She said: "We had a great day and it's fantastic that it isn't just the Irish community that is supporting us, but the wider Northampton community too.

"It's one of the best events in our calendar which we all look forward to and is a great chance to all get together.

"It's brilliant to be a part of it, it's an absolute pleasure to organise."

The games included a children's football match, a landladies' Donkey Derby and a sheaf toss followed by live music on The Racecourse and at the Swan and Helmet pub in the evening.

Over the years, the Speedy Cup has raised £78,000, with the amount raised from this year's event yet to be added.

Next year organisers hope to make it an even bigger event to mark a decade of the show.

Some of the thousands of people who celebrated Irish culture on The Racecourse and raised money for charity
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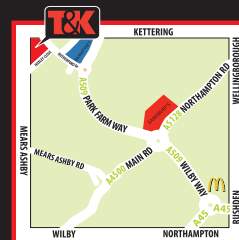
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Skateboarders backed

THE LEADERS of Northampton Borough Council have insisted they are 100 per cent behind plans to build a skatepark of international significance in the town.

At the end of February, the then-Liberal Democrat leaders of the council pledged to invest £250,000 towards the creation of a skatepark.

And last night, a group of about 40 skaters went to the Guildhall to ask the new Conservative leaders of the council why no progress had been made on the plans.

The chairman of the Northampton Skatepark Action Group, Kevin Charles, addressed the council, warning: "These kids won't go away and we won't go away until this town has got a skateboard park."

In response, the new leader of the council, Councillor David Palethorpe said that since the local elections in May, work had been carrying on to find a site for the skatepark and that he would like to meet the skaters to discuss what the facility should look like.

He said: "Our position is

very simple, we want to talk to you.

"We think we've identified a location, but we want to make sure with you that it's suitable.

"Because the important thing is that we get it right, so that it's not just for the current skating community, but it's also available to the next generation as well.

"The last thing we want is to build something that in four or five years will be a disaster that we have to build again."

The council leader also dismissed the skaters' fears that the £250,000 would be lost if it was not spent in the next seven months, insisting the funds could be "rolled over" into future years if needed.

Speaking after the meeting, Mr Charles said he now hoped to meet with the council leader in the next few weeks.

He said: "It seems to us like there's been a lot of talk and no action, but it's time now for them to deliver what we want.

"We need to get things pushed forward."

It is hoped the new skatepark will replace Radlands, Britain's first indoor skatepark, which closed in 2004.

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ALMOST 10 years after the cinema release of *Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone*, the most financially successful film franchise in history reaches its tragic and spectacular conclusion. Millions of readers, who nervously turned the pages of JK Rowling's final tome in summer 2007, already know the narrative twists that lie ahead for Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson). There may be no dramatic tension but that's of little consequence to ardent fans because David Yates's hugely entertaining adaptation of *Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 2* bids fond farewell to characters we have grown to love, and who have literally grown up before our eyes. Certainly, the eighth film has its niggles.

The final chapter rests heavily on the shoulders of Radcliffe and while he has improved as an actor, he still doesn't possess the emotional range or vulnerability to provide a strong emotional connection to Harry's grief. Thankfully, Radcliffe's woodenness cannot wreck one of the film's best scenes: a sombre reunion with long-lost friends in The Forbidden Forest. Watson and Grint shine in their few scenes including that long-awaited kiss, and both sob convincingly as their teenage wizards come to terms with the enormity of their loss. The introduction of 3D and IMAX 3D for this climactic film is driven more by box office greed than creative invention. None of the Harry Potter films so far has taken more than a billion dollars at the box

office. The ticket levy for 3D coupled with our nostalgia will ensure that *Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 2* becomes the most successful film of the long-running saga. It may not be the best film of the series; that honour still belongs to Alfonso Cuarón's stunning interpretation of *Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban*, which plumbed the dark, foreboding undercurrents of JK Rowling's writing with flair. However, *Deathly Hallows: Part 2* brings down the curtain in style. The film opens with Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) stealing the powerful Elder Wand from Dumbledore's grave, which he will use to slay Harry. Dastardly acolytes Bellatrix Lestrange (Helena Bonham Carter) and Lucius Malfoy (Jason Isaacs) press forward with their diabolical

plans, while Severus Snape (Alan Rickman) fills the vacant post of headmaster at Hogwarts, which is encircled by Dementors. Elsewhere, Harry, Ron and Hermione continue their mission to track down the final Horcruxes, which contain fragments of Voldemort's blackened soul. The quest leads to Hogwarts where fellow students Neville Longbottom (Matthew Lewis), Luna Lovegood (Evanna Lynch) and Ginny Weasley (Bonnie Wright) are ready to lay down their lives to protect Harry from Death Eaters including Draco Malfoy (Tom Felton) and his Slytherin sidekicks. *Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 2* builds relentlessly to the final battle at Hogwarts, which is brilliantly realised with a seamless conflation of live action and dazzling digital trickery.

There are echoes of The Battle of Helm's Deep in *The Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers* as the forces of darkness breach the school's walls with horrific intent. An attempted break-in at Gringotts Wizarding Bank introduces the blind dragon which guards the Lestrange Vault and the search for Rowena Ravenclaw's lost diadem in the Room of Requirement is similarly thrilling. Aside from the central trio, the third film belongs to Lewis as heroic Neville and to Rickman's treacherous teacher, whose tragic history is revealed in a heartbreaking Pensieve flashback. The coda, taken directly from Rowling's book, is an unintentionally hilarious misstep courtesy of unconvincing ageing make-up. Giggles aside, there will be few dry eyes when the end credits roll.

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Northampton: Myke Foard (rock 'n' roll covers), Foundry Tavern, St James Road.

Northampton: Acoustic session, Old White Hart, Cotton End, 9pm.

Northampton: Cosmick, Crown & Anchor, Victoria Road.

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Northampton: Music and fun quiz and Play Your Cards Right, Whitehills PH, Harborough Road*.

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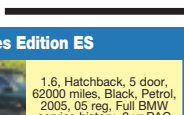
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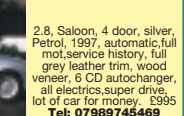
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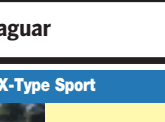
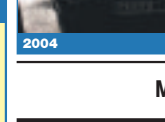
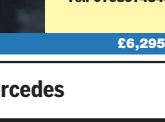
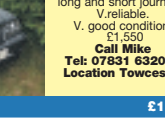
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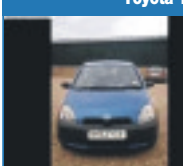
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Obituaries

BULL Joyce

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 xxx
 Funeral arrangements to follow.



Obituaries

BACK — Robert Edward of Paulerspury passed away peacefully with his family by his side, at Northampton General Hospital, on 7th July 2011. Funeral service will take place at Counties Crematorium, Northampton on Thursday the 21st July 2011, at 4:15pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations would be appreciated, to be given to Macmillan Trust or Cancer Research c/o H.W. Mason and Son Funeral Directors, 97 Victoria Road, Bletchley, MK2 2PD Tel:01908 642700

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O'ROURKE Mary Frances

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Obituaries

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Obituaries

O'ROURKE — Mary Frances passed away peacefully on Friday 8th July. Will be sadly missed by her children and grandchildren. Rest in peace Mum. x

O'ROURKE Mary Frances

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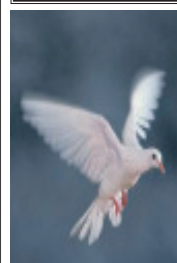
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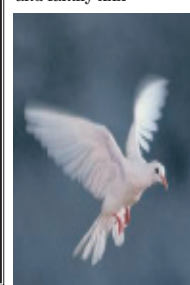
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Sport

Johnson adds two more to Town squad

THE Cobblers have completed their summer shopping with the recruitment of goalkeeper Sam Walker and left-back Ashley Corker.

Walker arrives on a season-long loan from Premier League giants Chelsea, while Corker has penned a one-year deal after impressing during the recent trial days and then in full training with the senior squad.

The double signing means manager Gary Johnson's close-season transfer dealings are now all but complete, with a total of 12 new recruits added to the playing staff this summer.

Although he could still be in the hunt for one more player, following the decision to allow forward Billy McKay to leave by mutual consent.

McKay is believed to be heading for a top-flight club from another country.

As for the latest new signings, Walker will compete for the jersey vacated by Chris Dunn – who was sold to Coventry City last month – with Bermuda stopper Freddie Hall, and Johnson was pleased to recruit a player on whom he kept tabs throughout a very successful loan spell at Barnet last term.

"Sam comes highly recommended from Chelsea," said the Cobblers boss. "We watched him a lot when he was at Barnet last season and Chelsea felt he was ready to come out on a season-long loan."

"Chelsea rate him highly and having someone of the calibre and experience of Tim Flowers at the club helped us secure Sam's services. Both Sam and Chelsea are delighted for him to be working with Tim."

"He is 6ft 6ins tall, and he is a fantastic build for a keeper. He is mature beyond his years both as a character and as a keeper and I think he will do well for us."

"He is improving quickly and when Chelsea feel that a player is ready to play a season in the Football League then you listen."



Fernando Alonso is all smiles following his win for Ferrari in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone last Sunday. The Spaniard saw off Red Bull pair Sebastian Vettel and Mark Webber into second and third place respectively in a thrilling rain-affected race in front of a record crowd of 122,000 people

PICTURE: JAMIE LORRIMAN

Wood's relishing return to NZ

SAINTS star Tom Wood is aiming to return to the country that gave him the rugby finishing school he needed to become an England player.

Wood took a year out of playing in the Worcester academy to play in New Zealand, and now he is set to go back to the country as an England player for this year's World Cup.

The 24-year-old has been a revelation since joining Saints from Worcester last year, quickly establishing himself in the Northampton back row and going on to play in every game as England won the Six Nations.

He is now part of England's preliminary World Cup training squad and looks certain to be part of Martin Johnson's 30-man squad that will fly to New Zealand in September.

And Wood feels the eight months he spent playing for North Otago in 2006 were vital in his rugby education.

"In England I'd become a very hard working, rucking, tackling back row forward but a little one-dimensional," said Wood.

"I felt as a schoolboy I was a good runner and ball carrier, but that went out of my game. Playing as a youngster with the senior guys, it became more important not to make mistakes."

"The New Zealand experience gave me the opportunity and the freedom to have a go at things you wouldn't always try."

"In England, we were structuring every single phase which I don't think is practical."

"When I told the guys in New Zealand that's how I'd been coached, they didn't understand it. They'd play a strike move but then play whatever was on."

England boss Johnson also played in New Zealand as a youngster, going on to represent their under-21s, and Wood feels it has made him a better player.

"My dad always used to say 'if you want to do the best in your studies, go to the best university in the world', so it made sense for me to play in New Zealand to become the best rugby player," he told the *New Zealand Herald* on Sunday.

"My time there was predominantly about becoming a better rugby player. It wasn't a jolly holiday."

